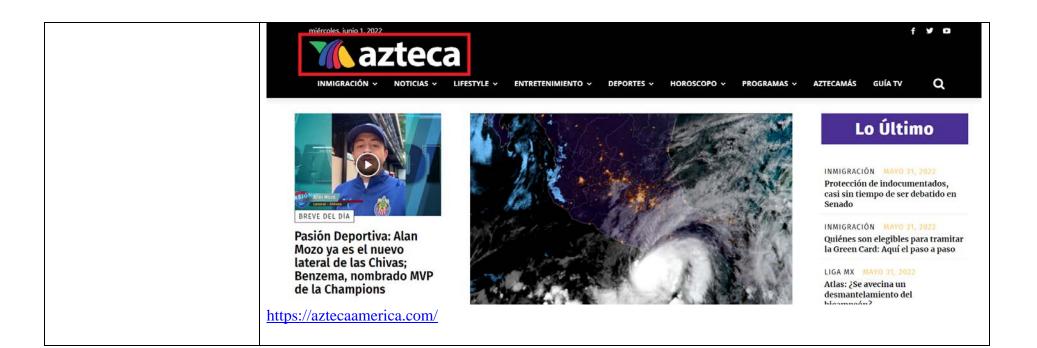


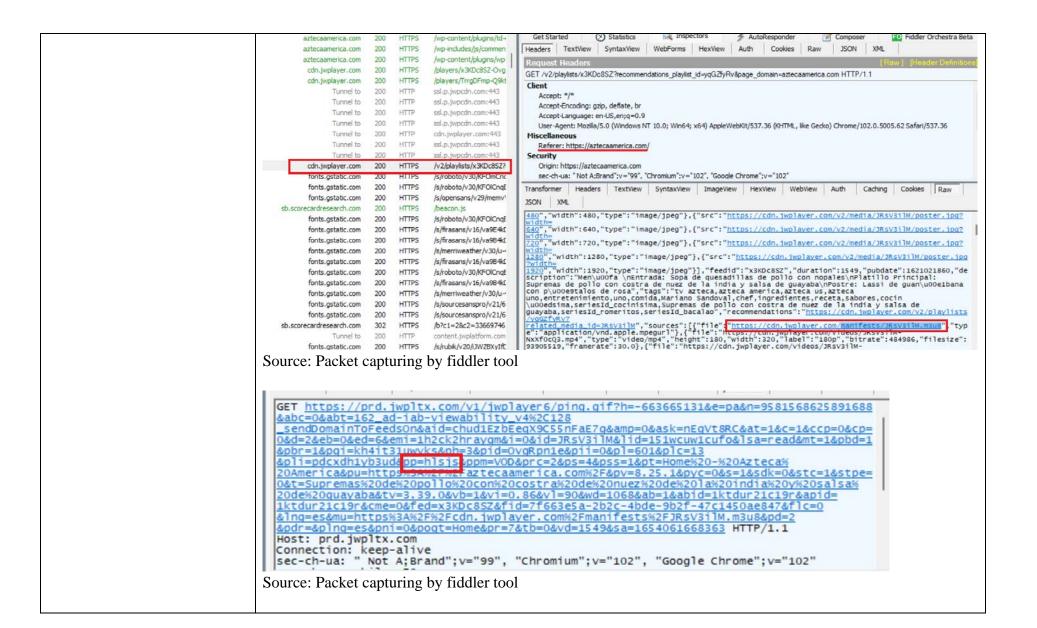
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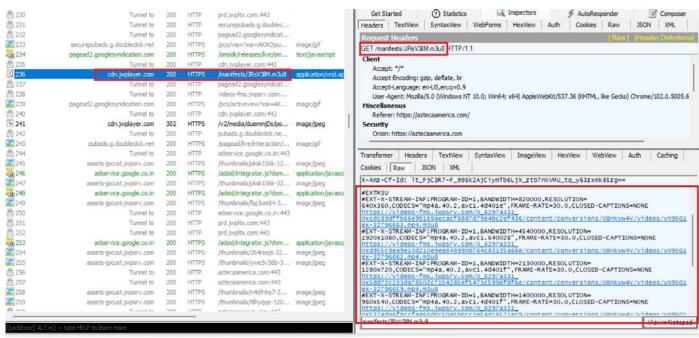


https://aztecaamerica.com/

Shown below is the URL of .m3u8 master file sent by Azteca America server which identifies the usage of HLS based streaming by Azteca America servers. The m3u8 master file refers to all the variants of the video encoded for various bandwidths and resolutions. The URL of .m3u8 master file is: https://cdn.jwplayer.com/manifests/JRsV3ilM.m3u8

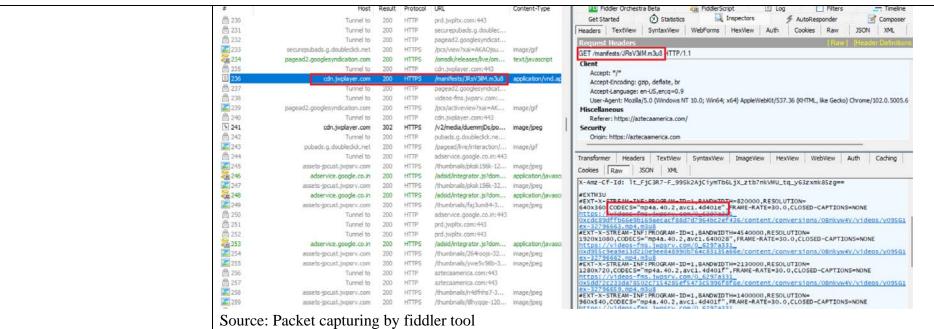


The Azteca America server sends to its users/subscribers references of all the variants of the stream (based on resolution and bandwidth) as follows.



Source: Packet capturing by fiddler tool

An Azteca America server streams video using mp4 based codec (e.g., video encoding) as shown below.

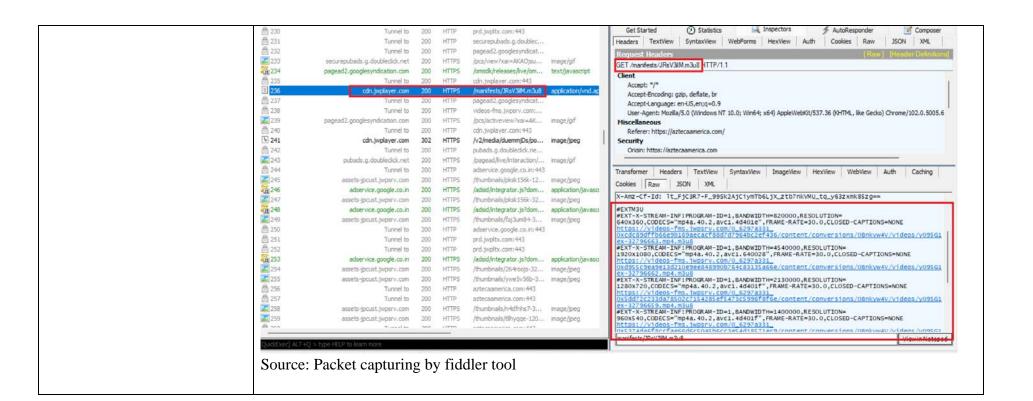


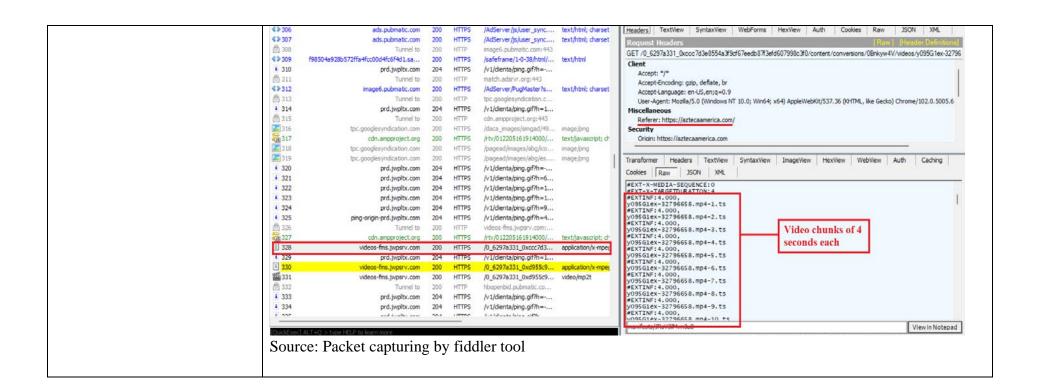
Azteca America streams videos with the capability of being played with trick mode (e.g., 10 second reverse playback, etc.)



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An Azteca America server sends references (URLs) of all the chunks of the video to be streamed.





HTTP Live Streaming

Send live and on-demand audio and video to iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, Apple TV, and PC with HTTP Live Streaming (HLS) technology from Apple. Using the same protocol that powers the web, HLS lets you deploy content using ordinary web servers and content delivery networks. HLS is designed for reliability and dynamically adapts to network conditions by optimizing playback for the available speed of wired and wireless connections.

https://developer.apple.com/streaming/

HTTP Streaming Architecture

HTTP Live Streaming allows you to send live or prerecorded audio and video, with support for encryption and authentication, from an ordinary web server to any device running iOS 3.0 or later (including iPad and Apple TV), or any computer with Safari 4.0 or later installed.

Overview

Conceptually, HTTP Live Streaming consists of three parts: the server component, the distribution component, and the client software.

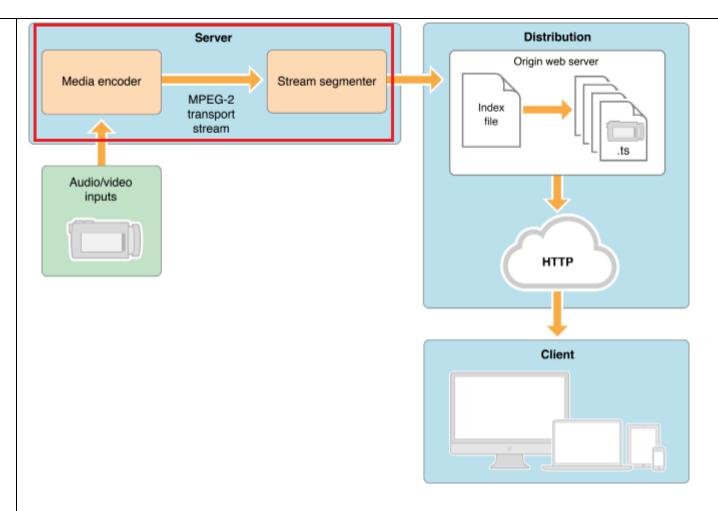
The **server component** is responsible for taking input streams of media and encoding them digitally, encapsulating them in a format suitable for delivery, and preparing the encapsulated media for distribution.

The **distribution component** consists of standard web servers. They are responsible for accepting client requests and delivering prepared media and associated resources to the client. For large-scale distribution, edge networks or other content delivery networks can also be used.

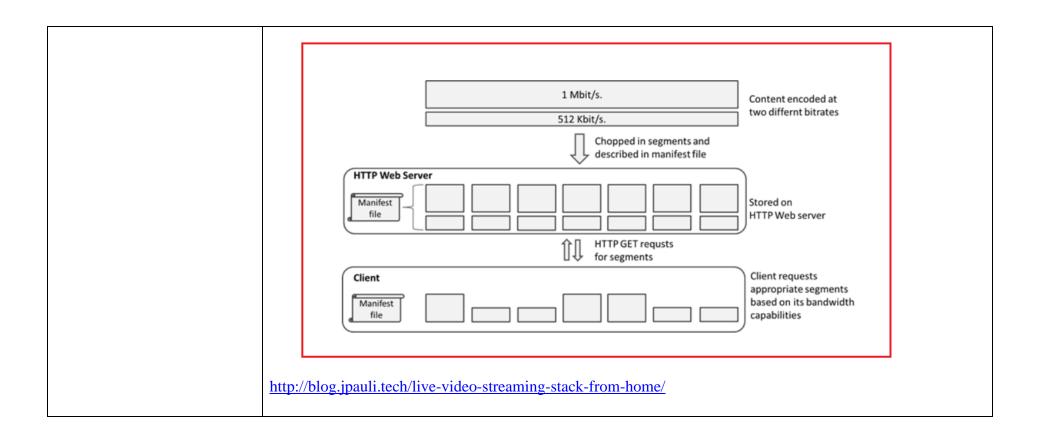
The **client software** is responsible for determining the appropriate media to request, downloading those resources, and then reassembling them so that the media can be presented to the user in a continuous stream. Client software is included on iOS 3.0 and later and computers with Safari 4.0 or later installed.

In a typical configuration, a hardware encoder takes audio-video input, encodes it as H.264 video and AAC audio, and outputs it in an MPEG-2 Transport Stream, which is then broken into a series of short media files by a software stream segmenter. These files are placed on a web server. The segmenter also creates and maintains an index file containing a list of the media files. The URL of the index file is published on the web server. Client software reads the index, then requests the listed media files in order and displays them without any pauses or gaps between segments.

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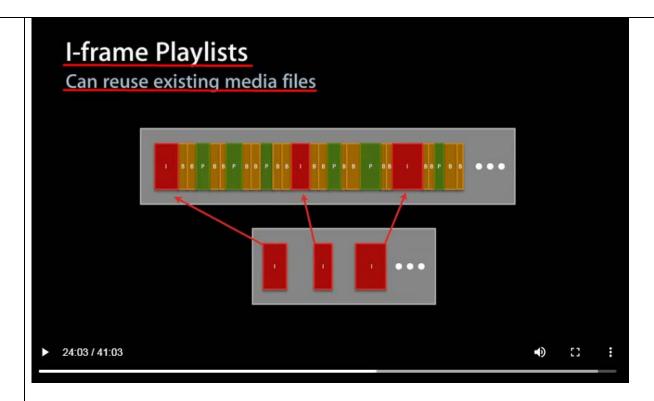
HLS supports fast forward and reverse playback through the use of an I-frame playlist. The I-frame playlist points to a byte range within already existing media segments. Fast forward and reverse playback do not need special media segments.

For in-depth information on I-frame playlists, watch WWDC 2012: Effective HLS.

 $\underline{https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/reference library/GettingStarted/AboutHTTPLiveStreaming/about/about.html}$

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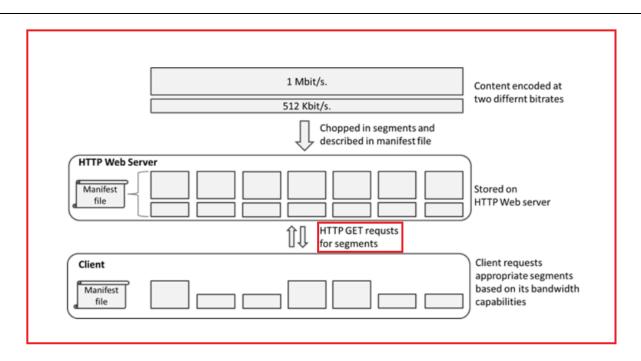


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Host: localhost:1935
Connection: keep-alive
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/41.0.2272.101 Safari/Accept: */*
Referer: http://localhost/jwenterprise/index.asp
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, sdch
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8
Cookie: ASPSESSIONIDCQBSBCRR=IAKNOGHCJMDALEDFLDFFNDJH; ASPSESSIONIDASASBDQQ=CKDJNKHCFFKAMNNFJDFPKOHC; DoNotShowFTU=
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Cache-Control: no-cache
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2015 17:01:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/vnd.apple.mpegurl
Content-Length: 137
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 $\underline{https://www.wowza.com/docs/how-to-troubleshoot-apple-hls-playback}$

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```
scenarios:
    - name: "Stream an HLS video"
    flow:
        - get:
            url: "/streams/xyz0123/xyz0123.m3u8"
            hls:
            concurrency: 2
            streamSelector:
                resolution:
                width: 320
               height: 184
            throttle: 100
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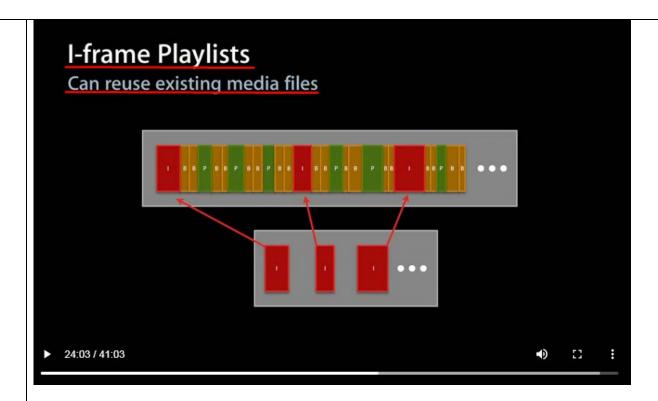
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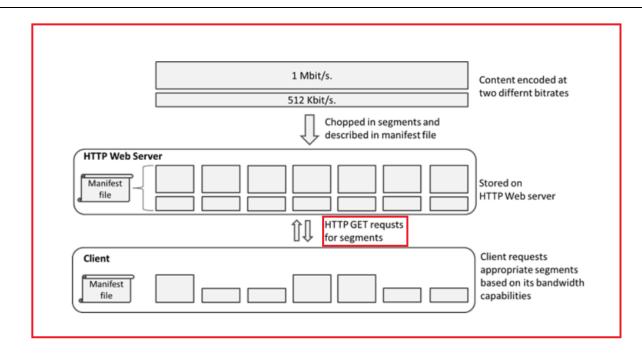
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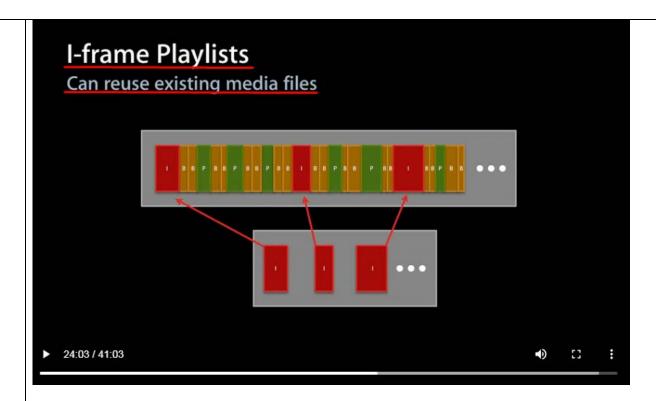
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The duration of each Media Segment is indicated in the Media Playlist by its EXTINF tag ($\underline{\text{Section 4.3.2.1}}$).

Each segment in a Media Playlist has a unique integer Media Sequence Number. The Media Sequence Number of the first segment in the Media Playlist is either 0 or declared in the Playlist (Section 4.3.3.2). The Media Sequence Number of every other segment is equal to the Media Sequence Number of the segment that precedes it plus one.

Each Media Segment MUST carry the continuation of the encoded bitstream from the end of the segment with the previous Media Sequence Number, where values in a series such as timestamps and Continuity Counters MUST continue uninterrupted. The only exceptions are the first Media Segment ever to appear in a Media Playlist and Media Segments that are explicitly signaled as discontinuities (Section 4.3.2.3). Unmarked media discontinuities can trigger playback errors.

Any Media Segment that contains video SHOULD include enough information to initialize a video decoder and decode a continuous set of frames that includes the final frame in the Segment; network efficiency is optimized if there is enough information in the Segment to decode all frames in the Segment. For example, any Media Segment containing H.264 video SHOULD contain an Instantaneous Decoding Refresh (IDR); frames prior to the first IDR will be downloaded but possibly discarded.

To play this Playlist, the client first downloads it and then downloads and plays each Media Segment declared within it. The client reloads the Playlist as described in this document to discover any added segments. Data SHOULD be carried over HTTP [RFC7230], but, in general, a URI can specify any protocol that can reliably transfer the specified resource on demand.

A more complex presentation can be described by a Master Playlist. A Master Playlist provides a set of Variant Streams, each of which describes a different version of the same content.

A Variant Stream includes a Media Playlist that specifies media encoded at a particular bit rate, in a particular format, and at a particular resolution for media containing video.

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The server MAY associate an absolute date and time with a Media Segment by applying an EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME tag to it. This defines an informative mapping of the (wall-clock) date and time specified by the tag to the first media timestamp in the segment, which may be used as a basis for seeking, for display, or for other purposes. If a server provides this mapping, it SHOULD apply an EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME tag to every segment that has an EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY tag applied to it.

The server MUST meet the following constraints when producing Variant Streams in order to allow clients to switch between them seamlessly:

- o Each Variant Stream MUST present the same content.
- o Matching content in Variant Streams MUST have matching timestamps. This allows clients to synchronize the media.

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4.3.3.6. EXT-X-I-FRAMES-ONLY

The EXT-X-I-FRAMES-ONLY tag indicates that each Media Segment in the Playlist describes a single I-frame. I-frames are encoded video frames whose encoding does not depend on any other frame. I-frame Playlists can be used for trick play, such as fast forward, rapid reverse, and scrubbing.

The EXT-X-I-FRAMES-ONLY tag applies to the entire Playlist. Its format is:

#EXT-X-I-FRAMES-ONLY

In a Playlist with the EXT-X-I-FRAMES-ONLY tag, the Media Segment duration (EXTINF tag value) is the time between the presentation time of the I-frame in the Media Segment and the presentation time of the next I-frame in the Playlist, or the end of the presentation if it is the last I-frame in the Playlist.

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Exemplary server response is shown below.

The server sends the client a chunklist, which is a subset of the files in the playlist. **C**Opy GET /vod/mp4:sample.mp4/chunklist_w1556499301.m3u8 HTTP/1.1 Host: localhost:1935 Connection: keep-alive User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/41.0.2272.101 Safari/ Accept: */* Referer: http://localhost/jwenterprise/index.asp Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, sdch Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8 Cookie: ASPSESSIONIDCQBSBCRR=IAKNOGHCJMDALEDFLDFFNDJH; ASPSESSIONIDASASBDQQ=CKDJNKHCFFKAMNNFJDFPKOHC; DoNotShowFTU= HTTP/1.1 200 OK Accept-Ranges: bytes Cache-Control: no-cache Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2015 17:01:01 GMT Content-Type: application/vnd.apple.mpegurl Content-Length: 2247

https://www.wowza.com/docs/how-to-troubleshoot-apple-hls-playback